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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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ZS8T - Marion Island
Latest from Marion Island
Posted: 13 May 2008 02:31 PM CDT
We have confirmation from the authorities in charge of Marion Island
that there is infact communications issues on the Island.
We did get a brief update that Petrus is very aware the world is waiting
for him to be QRV, but important matters in running the camp (he is in
charge of the operation down there) are taking up his waking hours.
Petrus is there for 11 more months and there will be plenty of time for
dx-ing once these issues are resolved.
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15/05/2008: Operators Zoki/Z33F and Momo/Z31MM will be active from
Sousse at the 3V8SS Tunisian Scout Club Station between May 15-26th.
Activity will be on all bands, including 30/17/12 meters and on all
modes (RTTY/PSK/CW/SSB/SSTV). There will also be activity on 2 meters.
Also, Zoki, Z33F, plans to be a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry in CQ
WW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th), and Momo, Z31MM, will be in the EU PSK
Contest (May 17-18th). QSL 3V8SS via IZ8FWN. For more info, please visit
the following web page: www.mdxc.org/3v8ss and www.z33f.blog.com.mk/
[OPDX Bulletin]

15/05/2008: Alessandro, IK4ALM and Sergio, IZ4BBF will be active as
9A/homecall from the island of Sveti Nikola (EU-110, ACIA-16, IOCA
CI-118, MIA MC-414, WLOTA LH-3152) from May 15-19th. QSL via home call,
direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

15/05/2008: Rich, WA3FPK will be in Rwanda for three weeks starting May
15th. He has been issued the call 9X0A and he plans to be active in his
spare time, mainly on 20 metres SSB, especially during his last week in
the country. QSL via KA1CRP. [425 DX News]

15/05/2008: Starting the afternoon of May 15th until May 23rd a French
team led by Tony, F8ATS will go to St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. On May
15th (2000z-2230z) they plan to be QRV from Penzance (WW Loc. IN79JX),
and the Lizard Point (Cornwall) lighthouse (ARLHS ENG-068, WLOTA
LH-1841), both on 144 MHz (50W and 2x4el) and 40m (50W with battery and
mobile vertical antenna). On May 16th they will take the boat to St.
Mary's Island, Isles of Scilly and they hope to be active the same day,
in the evening. Between May 15th until May 18th, focus will be on VHF
and up, using CW and SSB. On the other days the traffic will be shared
HF and VHF and up, from St. Mary's Island (EU-011), and the Scilly
Lighthouse (ARLHS ENG-146, WLOTA LH-0408, WW Loc. IN69UV). End of the

expedition on May 23rd, in the morning. On the way they will be either F5KEE/p or /m and M/F5KEE/p or /m from mainland England (EU-005, WLOTA LH-1841). Working frequencies: CW - 1.811, 3.511, 7.011, 10.111, 14.011, 18.071, 21.011, 24.891, 28.011, 50.201, 144.091 and 432.051 MHz; SSB - 1.845, 3.781, 7.081, 14.251, 18.151, 21.251, 24.951, 28.491, 50.211, 144.281 and 432.191 MHz. QSL via the bureau or direct to Tony, F8ATS (see QRZ.com). [F5NQL]

15/05/2008: Hellmuth, DF7XE will be active from the island of Kos (EU-001, MIA MGD-016, WLOTA LH-1730) as SV5/DF7XE from May 15-28th. He hopes to be able to set up a good antenna in the hotel area. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

16/05/2008: The Egadi DX Team and ARI di Trapani are organizing an operation to take place from Levanzo Island (IIA TP-009, MIA MI-050, WLOTA LH-1918) in the Egadi group (EU-054) from May 16-18th. The operators (Rino/IT9FXY, Momo/IT9GNG, Enzo/IT9ECQ, Sal/IW9FRA, Mimmo/IW9GTD, Pippo/IW9GNV and possibily Gastone/I4GAS) will be active as IF9LI on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB, PSK31 and RTTY, and they will also give 6m a try. A side trip to Il Faraglione (EU-054, IIA TP-013, MIA MI-277) is being planned. QSL direct to IT9FXY. [425 DX News]

16/05/2008: JA1UNS/1, JI1PLF/1, 7N1GMK/1, 7L4PVR/1, 7N4VPS/1 plan to be active from Hachijo Island (IOTA AS-043, JIIA AS-043-003, WLOTA LH-0436), JA1 South Izu group, from May 16-19th. QRV 1.9 to 28 MHz and 50 MHz using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. JIIA Award information at: www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage61.htm [JI6KVR]

17/05/2008: Eddie/VK4AN, his son Raj/VK4FRAJ and others (pending) plan to be active from Malolo Lailai Island, Mamanuca Group (OC-121) as 3D2A from May 17-31st. QRV 160-6m using CW, PSK31, RTTY and SSB. They will use 3 rigs - 2 FT-450AT + ALS-500M amps and FT-100 for 6-m beacon/QSOs. Suggested frequencies are - CW: band edge + 2 to 5KHz; SSB: 3795 7095 14195 18145 21295 24925 28495; RTTY: 7042 10112 14082 18102 21082 28082; PSK31: 7042 10112 14072 18102 21072 28072; 6-m Beacon: 50105, also CW/SSB QSO)'s. Focus will be on digital modes and the WARC bands, plus a Multi-2 entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th). QSL via VK4AN, direct/bureau/LoTW. Logs will be uploaded daily to: http://hosenose.com/logic/logcheck/default.aspx [NG3K]

17/05/2008: Pascal, F1UGK/p will be active for European Castles Weekend (May 17-18th) from the Castle of Gazeau (DFCF 79-150), located in the commune of Sainte Ouenne (CP 79220), canton of Champdeniers St Denis (DDCF 79-08), Department Deux S?vres/79, Province of Poitou Charentes (DPF 19). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F1UGK]

17/05/2008: Christophe, F4AQG/p will be active for European Castles Weekend (May 17-18th) from the Castle of Vieux Vern?gues (DFCF 13-038, WW Loc. JN23OQ), commune of Vern?gues (CP 13116), canton of Eyguieres (DDCF 13-09), Department Bouches-du-Rhone/13, Province of Cote-d'Azur (DPF 20). Look for activity on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F4AQG]

17/05/2008: Look for J.Louis, F4EWU/p to be active May 17-18th from the Castle musee of Tournon Sur Rhone (first time activation), Department Ardeche/07, Province of Rhone-Alps (DPF 22). QRV in HF and VHF. QSL via

home call, direct or bureau. [F4EWU]

17/05/2008: Look for Bruno, F4FIU/p to be active May 17th from the Mill of Diable (DMF 59-060), Department Nord/59, Province of Nord Pas de Calais (DPF 16). Main activity on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

17/05/2008: Pascal, F8BUO/p will be active May 17-18th from the Castle du Herrenflueh (DFCF 68-036), Department Haut-Rhin/68, Province of Alsace (DPF 01). Activity on 80 and 40 meter SSB, with some CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

17/05/2008: Craig, K0CMH/p plans to activate Howell Island (USi MO-002R), St. Charles County, Missouri, either May 17th, or May 31st, or June 7th, or June 14th between the hours of 1300-2330 UTC. Because of the access difficulties due to river stages, Craig has obtained four dates from the Missouri Conservation Commission to perform this activity (it required a special use permit). QRV on 40 meters, 30 meters, 20 meters and IRLP via IRLP node 3453 (St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club repeater 146.085 MHz). QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [USi]

17/05/2008: Giovanni/IK1WEG, Davide/IW1DQS, Gerry/IZ1DSH, Giorgio/IZ1DXS, Riccardo/IZ1GDB, Willy/IZ1HGM and Claudio/IZ1JMV will be active May 17-18th with three stations from St. Honorat, Lerins Islands (EU-058, DIFM ME-014 for the French Islands Award). Should their requested call (TM0IL, QSL via IZ1HGM) not be issued in time, they will operate as F/homecall. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [425 DX News]

17/05/2008: The Bryan, Texas, Amateur Radio Club W5BCS will be qualifing three new Texas islands for the US Islands Award program on May 17th from 1300-2000 UTC. Operators Garland/K5VY and Don/WB5CKO will be QRV from Snake Island (USi TX-055, Burleson County), Rock Island (USi TX-056, Washington County) and Deer Island (USi TX-057, Washington County). All three islands are located in Somerville Lake. Main activity will be on 40 and 20 meters, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via W5BCS (QRZ.com) [USi]

17/05/2008: Jim, W6NRJ will be on vacation to Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, also count for WLOTA LH-1042) from May 17-22nd. He will be active holiday style (from the beach) as ZF2LJ, with emphasis on the WARC bands as propagation permits. Dennis, N6KD will also join Jim during this time slot; his ZF call and QSL info to follow. QSL ZF2LJ via W6NRJ, bureau or direct (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

18/05/2008: Juan, F5IRC/p will be active for the European Castles Day on May 18th from the Castle of Bois Himont (DFCF 76-071), commune of le Bois Himont (CP 76190), canton of Yvetot (DDCF 76-5) Department Seine-Maritime/76, Province of Haute-Normandie (DPF 11). Activity will be mainly 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

18/05/2008: The Radio Club F5KEM will active May 18th as F5KEM/p from the Castle of Campagnac (DFCF 24-014), located in the commune of Sarlat, Department Dordogne/24, Province of Aquitaine (DPF 02). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F5OVZ]

18/05/2008: The Radio Club of Sevran, F5KKD/p will be active May 18th from the Castle of la Foss?e (DFCF 93-013), commune of Sevran (CP

93270), canton of Sevran (DDCF 93-31), Department Seine Saint Denis/93, Province of Ile de France (DPF 21). Operators mentioned are Fred/F5OZK, Jean/F6AOD and Jean-Louis/F1AGW. Main activity will be on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F1AGW]

18/05/2008: The radio-club of St-Etienne (F5KRY) will be active from the Ch?teau des Cornes d'Urf?, Department Loire/42, Province of Rh?ne-Alpes (DPF 22) on European day, May 18th. It has never been activated on HF or VHF; it will be a first time activation. They invite you to come to discover the history and some photographs on the web site at: radioamateur42.over-blog.com/ [F0EXF]

18/05/2008: Jean-Marie, F5NLX/p will be active for the European Castles Day on May 18th from the Castle of la P?rouse (DFCF 73-131), Department Savoie/73, Province of Rh?ne-Alpes (DPF 22). QRV starting 0730z on 40 meter SSB, then QSY to CW in the afternoon. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

18/05/2008: The Radio Club of Mainvilliers, F6KHI will be active for the European Castles Day on May 18th as homecall/p from the Castle of Senonches (DFCF 28-081, WW Loc. JN08MN), located in the city of Senonches (CP 28250), canton of Senonches (DDCF 28-22), Department Eure-et-Loir/28, Province Centre (DPF 07). QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters. Operators include Tony/F5RAB, Thomas/F4BCG, Christian/F6AXN and others. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

18/05/2008: Jean-Fran?ois, F8BMN/p will be active for the European Castles Day on May 18th from the Castle Gillet (DFCF 59-047), commune of Hautmont (CP 59330), canton of Hautmont (DDCF 59-69), Department Nord/59, Province of Nord Pas de Calais (DPF 16). Look for activity on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

18/05/2008: Freddy, F8CKS/p will be active May 18th from the Castle La Bourgonie (DFCF 24-098), Department Dordogne/24, Province of Aquitaine (DPF 02). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F8CKS]

18/05/2008: The Radio Club F5KFF will be active for the European Castles Day on May 18th using the special call sign TM4DGJ, in memory of their friend Alain (F4DGJ). They plan to activate the Fort of Villiers sur Marne (DFCF 93-002). Each QSO will be confirmed with a special QSL card. The QSL will be dispatched via F5KFF. [Radioamateur.org]

19/05/2008: Shoji, JA7HMZ will make his regular trip to Pohnpei Island (OC-010, WW Loc. QJ96CX), Micronesia, in May using the call sign V63DX. QRV May 19-24th on all bands and all modes, including 6 meters. QSL via his home call, direct or by the JARL bureau. [NG3K]

20/05/2008: Thomas, DH1TS will be active as homecall/p from Amrum Island (EU-042, N-18 for the German Islands Award, WLOTA LH-2464) from May 20-30th. Look for activity on 80-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

20/05/2008: Look for Kent, SM5ELV to be QRV May 20-21st from Kuuskajaskari (EU-173) using the call sign OH1/SM5ELV. He is there on a business tour, so activity will be in his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

21/05/2008: Darren, G0TSM will be on holiday to the island of Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA LH-0999) from May 21st to June 1st. He will be active as 8P9TS; his operating time will be limited and he will focus on 6 meters and CW, with 100 watts into a 5-element yagi for 6m and wires for the HF bands. He also plans to be active as 8P2T during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via G0TSM (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to qsl@g0tsm.com). [425 DX News]

21/05/2008: Look for Eric, K9GY to be active May 21-26th as C6AYM from New Providence Island [Nassau] (NA-001, LH-1115, WW Loc. FL15HB), Bahamas. QRV on 80-10m CW and 6m SSB/CW, including a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th). QSL via K9GY. [NG3K]

21/05/2008: Rudo/OM5FM, Vlado/OM7CA and Robert/GI0NCA will be active from Rathlin Island (EU-122, also count for WLOTA LH-0283), Ireland, using the call sign GB1SRI from May 21-25th. QRV 80-10 meter CW and SSB, depending on conditions. They expect to run two stations with some VHF for local QSOs. QSL via OM5FM, direct of via the OM bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

21/05/2008: Bob, K0OK will be active May 21-28th as VP5/K0OK from Providenciales Island [aka Provo] (NA-002). He will also participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) using the call sign VP5E. Outside the contest look for activity on all bands, including 6m (100w into M2-7el at 30ft). QSL VP5/K0OK via home call, direct (Robert D Novak, 26502 Esteban Mission, Viejo, CA 92692-3355 USA) or LoTW. QSL VP5E via K0OK either direct, bureau or LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

22/05/2008: Look for Harry, AC8G to be active as FJ/AC8G from St. Barthelemey Island (NA-146, WLOTA LH-0377) from May 22-27th. QRV SSB only 160 to 6 meters. Please avoid asking for band changes, schedules and other interruptions especially if he is running well. Exceptions would be if 12, 10 or 6 meters are open to nearby islands. QSLs from Stateside SASE ony. Others SASE or bureau OK. Do not send cards to FJ bureau. A week or so after return home Harry hopes to have the log posted to LOTW. [NG3K]

22/05/2008: Yuri, VE3DZ will be active as VP9/VE3DZ from the island of Bermuda (NA-005, also count for WLOTA LH-0201) from May 22-28th, including a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th). Outside of the contest, look for Yuri on RTTY, PSK and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/05/2008: Mike, DF3IS will be active May 23-28th from Thasos Island (EU-174, MIA MG-124, LH-4186 [Nisos Thasos]), Greece, using the call sign J48IS. He will also participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) using the same call. QSL via his home call, direct or bureau - NO E-QSL !!! [NG3K]

23/05/2008: Lee, HL1IWD (as KH2/K1IWD) and and Harry, WX8C (as KH2/WX8C) will be operating from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064) from May 23-26th, including a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as KH2/WX8C. QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

24/05/2008: Operators OM3GI, OM3NA, OM3LA, OM3RM and OM7JG will be active from Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA LH-0053) as CT9M

for the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via CT3EE. [NG3K]

24/05/2008: Operators E74IW, E75DX, E77EY, E77DX, T90R and T98U will be active from Bosnia & Herzegovina as E77DX during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th), as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OE1EMS or T98U. [NG3K]

24/05/2008: Operators Joz/YD1JZ, Terry/YC1KAF, Yon/YB1CCF, Hery/YB1KAR and Arif/YE1AA will activate the Bekasi DX Contest Club station YE1ZAT during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th), as a Multi-Single entry. The club station is located in Bekasi, West Java (OC-021, also count for WLOTA LH-1660), Indonesia. QSL via YE1ZAT (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

27/05/2008: Look for Rolf, DL6ZFG to be active as IS0/DL6ZFG from the island of Sardinia (EU-024, IIA SD-001, MIA MIS-035, WLOTA LH-1608) between May 27th and June 9th. Activity will be all bands and modes, but he will use mostly 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

29/05/2008: Look for Tomas/SM6XMY, Sten/SM6MIS, Magnus/SM6WET, Janne/SM6YOF, Bengt/SM6UQL, Pierre/SA6AOA and Rick/SM6U to be active from Nord Koster Island (EU-043) using the call sign 8S6KOS between May 29th to June 1st. QRV all bands and modes. QSL via SM6WET. Further information can be found at: sector7.nu/8s6kos/ [rsgbiota.org]

29/05/2008: Mario/DL5ME and Guenter/DG3HWO will be active as SD20 from Holm?n Island (EU-135, also count for WLOTA LH-0613) from May 29th to June 2nd. QRV using CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters, with Butternut-Vertical and Spiderbeam. QSL via SD2O, QRZ.com address only. [DL5ME]

30/05/2008: The Grupo DX Teide (GDXT) will be active as EG8FOR from El Hierro Island (AF-004, DIE S-015 for the Spanish Islands Award) and Orchilla Lighthouse (FEA D-2836, ARLHS CAI-066, WLOTA 2005, WW Loc. IL07WR, DME 38901) from May 30th to June 1st. The group will dedicate this activation of Orchilla Lighthouse to Don Carmelo Heredia D.E.P. who was the first lightkeeper in 1933. Operators include Angel/EA8BFH (SSB/VHF), Jose/EA8ARG (SSB/Digital) and Luis/EA8AY (CW). QRV 40-2 meter CW, SSB and PSK31, using TS-480 at 100 Watts for CW, FT-897 and FT-840 at 100 Watts for SSB and Digital. Antennas will be Spiderbeam portable 5 bands, Moxon for 20m and 30m, Delta Loop Array for 40m and G5RV. Suggested frequencies: CW - 7015, 10106, 14028, 18073, 21028 kHz; SSB - 7095, 14185, 18165, 21290 kHz; 6m 50.145 MHz USB and 2m 145.245MHz SSB. QSL via EA8NQ, direct (QRZ.com) or by the bureau. Further information can be found at: introfor.grupodxteide.com/ [EA8NQ]

31/05/2008: Dan, IK2UWA will be active as TK/IK2UWA from Cavallo Island (EU-164, DIFM TK-003, MIA MCO-004) between May 31st and June 6th. QRV using CW and SSB on 40-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

05/06/2008: SFDXAG would like to announce the commemoration of the 64th anniversary of the D-Day landing in Normandy at Ranville on June 06 1944. Members of the South Flanders DX Activity Group will be active as F/ON6JUN/P from June 5-9th nearby Pegasis Bridge memorial museum. Operators include Willy/ON4LBV, Hugo/ON4AAA, Xavier/ON4ALY, Nic/ON4MGY, Fernand/ON6UF and Jos/ON5SD. QRV on all HF bands (especially WARC), using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Every QSO will be confirmed with a special QSL-card (QSL via ON5SD). Further information can be found at:

users.skynet.be/on6jun/sfdxag.htm [ON5SD]

05/06/2008: Mario, DL5ME will be active from Emsal? Island (EU-135) as OH2/DL5ME from June 5-8th. QRV using CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 15 meters. He will be running 100 Watts to a Butternut-Vertical, if possible Spiderbeam too. QSL via DH5MM (QRZ.com address only). [DL5ME]

07/06/2008: Graham, M0AEP will be active from the island of Montserrat (NA-103) as VP2MDD from June 7-19th. QRV 80-10 meters with 200W and Carolina Windom. Also on 6M with 5 element yagi and 100W. QSL via M0AEP, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

09/06/2008: Ric, DL2VFR plans to be active from various locations of Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA LH-2975) using the call signs TF1/, TF5/ and TF6/homecall between June 9-19th. He also plans to activate Hrisey Island (EU-168) from 1800z June 10th to 1200z June 12th. QRV 80-10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DARC bureau to home call. Further information at: www.iota-expedition.com/ice08/ice08.html [DL2VFR]

15/06/2008: Matthias, DD9HK will be active as EA6/DD9HK from Mallorca Island (EU-004, DIE E-021, MIA MB-004, WLOTA LH-1902) from June 15-19th. QRV holiday style on 160-6 meter SSB, with Icom IC7000 100 Watt and dipole. QSL via home call. Further information can be found at: www.dd9hk.de/ea6-dd9hk.htm [NG3K]

25/07/2008: Operators Fran?ois/VA2RC, Guy/VE2QRA, Steve/VE2TKH and Dany/VE2EBK will be active as CG2I from La Grosse Ile, Quebec (NA-128, CIsA QC-010, Grid FN47) from 1600z July 25th to 1400z July 27th. QRV all modes and bands 160-6 meters, with two stations. The 2 stations (KW, beams and dipoles) should be active at the same time. QSL via VA2BK, direct or bureau or Email request. This activity is also in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of Qu?bec City.

25/07/2008: Dennis, M0LSB plans to be active holiday style as MM0LSB/p from Great Bernera (EU-010, IOSA OH-12, SCOTIA HI-27) from July 25-27th, RSGB IOTA Contest included. QSL via M0LSB, direct or by the bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

25/07/2008: A new SX5C DXpedition from the Radio Amateur Association of Greece in end of July 2008 - The following Greek hams: Cliff/SV1JG, Spiros/SV1RC, George/SV1RP, Nikiforos/SV1EEX, Theodoros/SV1GRM, Sotirios/SV1HER and Daniel/SV1JCZ will activate the rocky islet Strogili (EU-001, GIOTA DKS 001) with lighthouse ham activation of the islet. Lighthouse named Ipsili (ARLHS GRE-123, TWLHD WLH WLH SV-058, WLOTA LH-1653, Admiralty E5848). Timeline July 25th to August 4th. All the above hams are also members of the Radio Amateur Association of Greece. Also they will issue an expanded list of equipment that we will bring along but this will be announced soon! A ham friend who would operate on 2m EME as long as he/she would carry along his/her equipment will be very welcome! Up to then the team is looking for donation for the time of mission like 2m power amplifiers/longer beams etc. Please contact Sotirios, SV1HER in this case. [MMMonVHF]

28/09/2008: Rob, DK1ROB will be active from the isle of Barra (EU-010, IOSA OH-11, SCOTIA HI-02, WW Loc. IO66GX) as MM/DK1ROB between September 28th and October 3rd. QRV SSB, RTTY, maybe PSK63 - sorry, no CW! Antennas planned: Inverted Vee for 40m; 5-band Spiderbeam for 20m-10m at 15m AG; 3-El beam for 6m at 5m AG; Vertical for 2m/70cm. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

15/05/2008: On the occasion of the European soccer competition 2008, special event stations OE2008A-Z and HB2008A-Z will be QRV May 15th up to June 30th. A relevant award is also available for working these stations. For more information visit: www.uska.ch/ [UBA HF News]

15/05/2008: Special event station 8N5S will be active May 15th to June 15th for the 2008 Shikoku Joho Tsushin Gekkan (or Information Telecommunication Month). Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

15/05/2008: Special callsign PA143ITU will be aired May 15-30th celebrating the 143th anniversary of ITU and the World Telecommunication Day (May 17th). Expect activity on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter CW and SSB, with some RTTY. PA143ITU will also participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via PA3CAL. [425 DX News]

16/05/2008: Dieter/DK5PZ, Volker/DL1WH, Peter/DL2RPS and Rene/DL7WR will operate from the Council of Europe Radio Club (TP2CE) from May 16-18th. They will concentrate on the low bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F5LGF. [425 DX News]

16/05/2008: Special event station 8N1JCS will be active May 16th to July 15th to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Choshi Radio (JCS). QRV all bands/modes and QSL via JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

17/05/2008: The fourth edition of the Mediterraneo DX Club's Members Trophy will take place May 17-18th. The MDXC HQ station IQ8MD plus several special event stations are expected to participate in the event: 3G1MDC, II0MDC, II1MDC, II5MDC, II8MDC, IO1MDC, IO3MDC, IO8MDC, IO9MDC, IR0MDC, IR1MDC, IR2MDC, IR3MDC, IR5MDC, IR7MDC, IR8MDC, IR9MDC, SX1MDC. All of the QSOs made with these stations will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct requests should be sent to the Members Trophy Manager, Giuliano Mondini (IK2VUC). Information on the event and the relevant award can be found at www.mdxc.org/trophy.asp [425 DX News]

17/05/2008: Special call sign R90LPU will be aired May 17-31st for the 90th anniversary of the Leningrad Infantry School (Leningradskoe Pehotnoe Uchilische). QSL via RX1CQ. [425 DX News]

18/05/2008: Starting May 18th the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Special Event Amateur Radio Stations will begin activity. Five special calls, representing the five rings of the Olympic flag, will be QRV. The calls will be BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY and BT1ON. The last letter of the call sign corresponds to the color of each of the rings of the Olympic flag - Beibei (Blue), Jingjing (Black), Huanhuan (Red), Yingying (Yellow) and Nini (Green). BA4EG will be the QSL manager for all stations. QSLs can be sent either direct or via the bureau and will begin to be answered in October. There will be a website set up at www.bj2008ses.com.cn which should be up and running by May 16th. The website will include an on-line log search, and QSL card receive and sent status, along with other information. There will also be award criteria posted soon. Look for these five Olympic special event stations to be QRV through September 17th. [ZL4PW]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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SIX METERS & UP -

VP5/K0OK will be active in the May 50MHz Open Contest.

08/05-22/05 SV9/OZ8ZS: Crete Island EU-015 6m Grid:KM15WM 100W QSL H/C (d/b)

10/05-20/05 GJ4ICD: Isle of Jersey 6M + Beacon Grid:IN89WF QSL G4ICD (d/b)

21/05-01/06 8P9TS: Barbados NA-021 6M 100W 5el yagi QSL G0TSM (d/b)

21/05-28/05 VP5/K0OK: Providenciales Grid:FL31VS 100W into M2-7el at 30' QSL H/C

GOT6??? - 6M Information by Andy, N8OFS at: www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/05-19/05 9A/IZ4BBF: Sveti Nikola Island WLOTA:3152 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/05 M/F5KEE/M: Lizard Point ARLHS:ENG-068, WLOTA:1841 QSL F8ATS (d/b)
15/05-23/05 M/F5KEE/P: St Mary's Island ARLHS:ENG-146 WLOTA:0408 QSL F8ATS (d/b)
15/05-28/05 SV5/DF7XE: Nisos Kos WLOTA:1730 QSL H/C (b)
16/05-18/05 IF9LI: Isola Levanzo WLOTA:1918 QSL IT9FXY (d)
16/05-19/05 JA1UNS/1: Hachijo Shima WLOTA:0436 QSL H/C (d/b)
16/05-19/05 JI1PLF/1: Hachijo Shima WLOTA:0436 QSL H/C (d/b)
16/05-19/05 7L4PVR/1: Hachijo Shima WLOTA:0436 QSL H/C (d/b)
16/05-19/05 7N1GMK/1: Hachijo Shima WLOTA:0436 QSL H/C (d/b)
16/05-19/05 7N4VPS/1: Hachijo Shima WLOTA:0436 QSL H/C (d/b)
17/05-22/05 ZF2LJ: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL W6NRJ (d/b)
20/05-30/05 DH1TS/P: Amrum Island WLOTA:2464 QSL H/C (d/b)
21/05-01/06 8P9TS: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL G0TSM (d/b)
21/05-26/05 C6AYM: New Providence WLOTA:1115 QSL K9GY (d/b)
21/05-25/05 GB1SRI: Rathlin O'Birne Island WLOTA:0283 QSL OM5FM (d/b)
22/05-27/05 FJ/AC8G: St Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
22/05-28/05 VP9/VE3DZ: Bermuda-Hamilton Island WLOTA:0201 QSL H/C (d/b)
23/05-28/05 J48IS: Nisos Thasos WLOTA:4186 QSL DF3IS (d/b)
23/05-26/05 KH2/K1IWD: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL HL1IWD (d/b)
23/05-26/05 KH2/WX8C: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL H/C (d/b)
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QSL NEWS -

QSLs received Bureau - None :o(!

QSLs received Direct - 3D2MT (via VK2CCC), 4L8A (via K1BV), 5H1HD (via OK1HDU), 5T5DC (via DH7WW), 5Z4HW (via DL7DF, but received from DL7UFN), C21DL (via DJ2EH), CO8LY (via EA7ADH), FO/OH1RX (via OH2PM), J5C (via F5TVG), OM8A (via OM2VL), OX/OH1RX (via OH1RX), P29NI (via G3GHZ), RK2FWA (via DK2VW), UP?L (via DL8KAC), V63ZM (via K5ZM), VP2EFB (via DL9GFB), XU7XRO (via M3SDE), YN2YV (via IT9DAA)

QSLs received LoTW - IR8DX, MJ/F5CWU, MM/F5CWU, RV4LC, T33C, VU2NKS, YR1C
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SILENT KEYS -

* Dr Ronald A. Parise, PhD, WA4SIR, passed away Friday May 9, 2008 after a very long and courageous battle with cancer. He was 57.
Parise flew as a payload specialist on two space shuttle missions: STS-35 on Columbia in December 1990 and STS-67 on the Endeavour in March 1995. These two missions, ASTRO-1 and ASTRO-2 respectively, carried out ultraviolet and x-ray astronomical observations, logging more than 614 hours and 10.6 million miles in space.
Parise was one of the first astronomers to operate a telescope from space, making hundreds of observations during the mission. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Chairman Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO, said Parise's personal contributions to these two missions provided scientists with "an unprecedented view of our universe, expanding our understanding of the birth, life and death of stars and galaxies."
First licensed when he was 11, Parise kept Amateur Radio at the forefront of everything he did, including his operations from space. During his two shuttle flights, he spoke with hundreds of hams on the ground. He was instrumental in guiding the development of a simple ham radio system that could be used in multiple configurations on the space shuttle; as a result, his first flight on Columbia ushered in what Bauer called the "frequent flyer era" of the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) payload.
Parise was the first ham in space to operate packet radio. "His flight pioneered the telebridge ground station concept to enable more schools to talk to shuttle crew members despite time and orbit constraints," Bauer said. "In his two shuttle flights, he inspired countless students to seek technical careers and he created memories at the schools and communities that will never be forgotten. Ron was also the ultimate ham radio operator -- in space and on the ground."
Bauer said that Parise's love for Amateur Radio and his love of inspiring students continued well beyond his two shuttle flights: "During the formation of the ARISS program, Ron was a tremendous resource to the newly forming international team. I know of many instances where Ron's wisdom and sage advice was instrumental in helping our international team resolve issues when we reached critical technical or political roadblocks. He was a key volunteer in the development of the ham radio hardware systems that are now on-board ISS. The ARISS team is deeply indebted to WA4SIR for his leadership, technical advice and tremendous vision."
Parise worked hand-in-hand with the students at the US Naval Academy and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on the development of their student satellites. He helped develop Radio Jove, a student educational project to listen to the radio signals emanating from Jupiter. Parise spoke at numerous schools over the years, inspiring students to pursue careers in science, math and technology.
"Ron Parise was--and continues to be--an inspiration to countless students, ham radio operators, and friends the world over. His accomplishments were many, including space explorer, pioneer, astrophysicist, pilot, ham radio operator, avionics and software expert, inspirational speaker and motivator, student satellite mentor, husband, father and friend. While he certainly did some truly extraordinary things in his lifetime, Ron Parise is best known and cherished for keeping family and friends first, and for this, we will miss him most," Bauer said. [ARRL SB SPCL ARL ARLX004]
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ALBANIA - Frank, F4DTO, has put some pictures and a movie, on his web pages (http://monsite.orange.fr/f4dto), following his trip to Albania

(ZA/F4DTO). [F5NQL]

COTA "CASTLES ON THE AIR" - The COTA Team Germany reminds us that the International COTA Activity Weekend takes place on May 17/18. Activities from castles and palaces have been announced from: DL, EA, F, G, HA, HB, I, OK, ON, SP and more. [DX Newsletter]

ITALY GAINS NEW FREQUENCIES - Effective 13 May 2008, Italian amateur radio operators are authorized to use 7100-7200 kHz (for the time being on a secondary basis), using a total radiated power not exceeding 24 dbW. [I1JQJ]

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>From the CQ Newsroom...

Amateurs in China are asking that 14.270 MHz be kept clear as an emergency frequency in the wake of yesterday's devastating earthquake there. Please remember that even if you cannot hear a station on the frequency, you might interfere with reception of transmissions by a station within range of both your signals and theirs.

Michael Chen, BD5RV, reports in a post on qrz.com that "a group of radio amateurs is now transmitting from Wenchuan, the center of quake. Its signal is reported to be very weak. They tried to keep communication with BY8AA in Chengdu, seeking for all resources needed. During a contact finished a few minutes ago, they were asking for raincoats, water, tents, and outdoor living facilities." Michael also asked that this request be forwarded as widely as possible.

In nearby Myanmar (Burma), where tens of thousands of people were killed by a typhoon last week, CQ Public Service Editor Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, passes on a report from G4HPE of the International Radio Emergency Support Coalition (IRESC) that there currently is no amateur radio activity there; and that while the UN has been permitted to set up both HF and VHF communications based in the capital city of Yangon (Rangoon) "for use by the entire humanitarian community," none of the frequencies in use are in the amateur bands.

Further Information ...

Hams in China are also using 7.050 and 7.060 MHz for emergency communications following this week's earthquake, according to a post on QRZ.com by Jinxing Xincun, BG6BAU. This is in addition to the 14.270 MHz frequency reported yesterday.

Obviously, most North American hams will not be able to hear or reach China on 40 meters, but please try to avoid these frequencies at night to prevent interference to stations working with the Chinese amateurs who may be able to hear your signals as well as theirs. Plus, of course, if you live in Asia, these frequencies, as well as 14.270, should be kept clear at all times for emergency communications.

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